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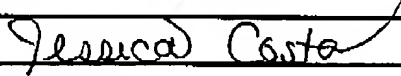
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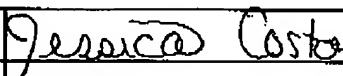
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Board with Advertising Space

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT MAILED MAY 31, 2005

Mail Stop: Non-Fee Amendment
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on May 31, 2005, the Applicant elects Species III, which corresponds to the species shown in FIGS. 9-12 with **traverse** and withdraws Species I and II and IV through VII from further consideration in the present application.

First, in the interest of equity and fairness, Applicant should be entitled to pursue claims that will fully protect the invention. It is believed that the restriction requirement is therefore unfair to the Applicant because it will require the Applicant to file and bear the additional cost associated with filing additional divisional application. Restriction requirement to election of species where is within the Examiner's discretion, and the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to consider that the Applicant in the present invention is an independent inventor with limited means.

Second, as provided in 35 U.S.C. § 121, restriction to one of two or more

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patentably distinct species is proper only if the species are "independent and distinct." In its discussion of the propriety of restrictions, MPEP § 803 further provides that if search and examination of two or more inventions can be made without "serious burden", the Examiner must examine them on the merits even if the claim are directed to distinct or independent inventions.

In the present case, Species I through VII, although not necessarily obvious in view of each other, are very similar subject matter. More specifically, each pertains to a message board for persistently displaying a selected set of messages, said message board comprising a plurality of surfaces rotatably connected around one or more axes, a plurality of messages distributed on one or more of said surfaces, and one or more windows formed in one or more of said surfaces for selectively revealing one or more subsets of said plurality of messages for persistent display, wherein said selected one or more subsets of said plurality of messages may be changed to persistently display a different one or more subsets of said plurality of messages, and each includes similar structure thereof. It is respectfully believed that the Examiner will necessarily search in both the relevant structure and method of manufacturing areas during the search of each set of claims directed to each species. Furthermore, for at least the reasons that each of Species I through VII will be classified in the same class for purposes of search and that each of Species I through VII contain substantial portions of overlapping subject matter, Applicant respectfully submits that examination of the claims encompassing each of the Species I through VII would not impose a "serious burden" on the Examiner as defined in MPEP § 803 and that the restriction requirement should therefore be withdrawn.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement and respectfully requests the Examiner to examine all claims together. However, if the Examiner decides not to rejoin the Species, Applicant expressly reserves the right to consideration of claims to additional species that are written in dependent form or otherwise include all of the limitations of an allowed generic claim upon allowance of a generic claim pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.141. Furthermore, Applicant expressly reserves the

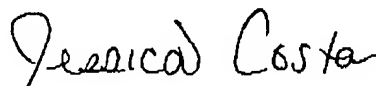
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right to present claims directed to the non-elected Species, or variants thereof, in a divisional or continuing application to be filed subsequent to the present application. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this response, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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